

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 194

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Rachel Boyatt Lynch,  
the 2020–2021 Fairview-Marguerite Elementary  
School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Boyatt Lynch is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a school counselor at Fairview-Marguerite Elementary School, Mrs. Lynch was recently named the school's 2020–2021 Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor for her tenure as an educator, as it recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Lynch has been a school counselor at Fairview-Marguerite Elementary School for fourteen years; a few of her primary responsibilities include organizing and presenting schoolwide training on topics such as bullying, child abuse, suicide, and human trafficking prevention; she also provides individual and group counseling for students; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Mrs. Lynch has gone above and beyond for her students and colleagues, developing content for the school system to help students manage the strong emotions they may have experienced as a result of the drastic changes in their lives; and

WHEREAS, during this time, she also continued to meet with students virtually to work on time-management skills, establish good study habits, and develop a workspace free of distractions; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Lynch is a member of her school's Leadership Team, Parent Involvement Committee, and Art Committee; she is also a mentor teacher and the coordinator for the Healthy School Team; and

WHEREAS, in addition to implementing the Lunch Bunch anti-bullying program at Fairview-Marguerite Elementary School, Mrs. Lynch has joined with other Hamblen County elementary school counselors and the Central Office CTE (Career and Technical Education) staff to facilitate the Handshake Challenge, a program that helps students develop soft skills needed for future employment; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Lynch frequently partners with community leaders such as the Hamblen County UT Extension; through this partnership, her students were able to learn about health and nutrition from a guest speaker; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lynch earned a Bachelor of Science degree from East Tennessee State University and a Master of Arts degree from Carson-Newman University; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many successes, she has been blessed with the love and support of her husband, Gene, and her daughter, Jill; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lynch is a member First Baptist Church of Dandridge, where she works in Vacation Bible School; she also serves the Girl Scouts as a Brownie Troop Leader; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Lynch is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously throughout her career in education to motivate her students, fellow teachers, and staff to reach their full potential as scholars, professionals, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lynch truly serves as an inspiration to the faculty and staff at Fairview-Marguerite Elementary School, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Lynch epitomizes the dedicated educator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Rachel Boyatt Lynch on being chosen as the 2020–2021 Fairview-Marguerite Elementary School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.